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WHAT THE MEDIA HAD TO SAY IN FEBRUARY 1993.

LOCAL NEWSPAPERS :

12.2.93 : BASINGSTOKE GAZETTE : ONE PERSON'S EXPERIENCE OF
SIGHTING UFO'S.

MAGAZINE ARTICLES :

26.2.93 : PUBLISHING NEWS (LONDON) : BOOK REVIEW.
27.2.93 : AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER : UNIDENTIFIED !

NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS :

13.2.93 : THE GUARDIAN : ALIENS 'LANDED ON CARPORT'.
17.2.93 : THE GUARDIAN : UFOS DRIVE A WEDGE BETWEEN EUROPEAN
SOCIALISTS.
26.2.93 : DAILY STAR : CLOSE ENCOUNTERS.
26.2.93 : THE INDEPENDENT : GROUND CONTROL TO DAVID BOWIE.
27.2.93 : THE INDEPENDENT : UFO INSTITUTE.
28.2.93 : SUNDAY PEOPLE : OH,GO & DO A RUNNER,MR BEAN.

REGIONAL NEWSPAPERS :

00.2.93 : WHITEHAVEN NEWS : THOSE STRANGE OBJECTS IN CUMBRIAN
SKIES.

NEWSPAPER UNKNOWN :

4.2.93 : DOWN TO EARTH.
24.2.93 : ON THE SHELF.

PRESS CUTTING COLLECTION :

I am keeping a monthly running total of my press cutting collection. If you are after an article(s) for research into a certain sighting etc, then drop me a line and I will see what I have, that is relevant to your enquiry :

CROP CIRCLES	:	759
UK NATIONALS	:	907
UK REGIONALS	:	2787
HAMPSHIRE ARTICLES	:	95
NEWSPAPER UNKNOWN	:	633
MAGAZINE ARTICLES	:	243
REST OF THE WORLD	:	57
SOUTHAMPTON ECHO	:	389
TIMES (THE)	:	139
AMERICAN ARTICLES	:	538
BERMUDA TRIANGLE	:	2
BIGFOOT	:	4
PHILADELPHIA EXPERIMENT	:	1
CATTLE MUTILATIONS	:	13
STEALTH/FIGHTER BOMBER	:	5
FACES ON MARS	:	3
MYSTERY CATS	:	10
AURORA PROJECT	:	3
SEARCH FOR ET	:	2
LOCH NESS MONSTER	:	2

TOTAL	:	----- 6604 -----
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Press/Tv/Radio matters over the past month 15.3.94 - 15.4.94.

Press :

20.3.94: Sunday Independent (Plymouth): MOD Has Proof Of
Alien's Visit Says Ufo Expert :

This fascinating article was sent to me via the Plymouth ufo Group and features the groups chairman, Bob Boyd. He has just been given proof that shows the Ministry Of Defence knows all about alien visits to earth.

He has obtained 3 photographs taken by soldiers in Cyprus in 1971. The photographs show a mysterious hovering light and he was told that 1,400 men saw an unexplainable bright light fly above them while on night manoeuvres in Cyprus more than 20 years ago. The MOD collected more than 100 rolls of film after the sighting and the RSM personally sent a film taken by a naval photographer to Whitehall.

Television :

25.3.94 : Sky Television : Sightings : Contacts.

This dealt with alien contacts and was a very interesting programme, dealing with such a controversial subject. Well put together and Very enjoyable.

29.3.94 : Sky Television : Unsolved Mysteries : The Belgium Sightings.

This was a repeat programme concerning the sighting of the triangular ufo seen by over 2,000 people in 1991 over Belgium and also seen over many other parts of Europe and even the United Kingdom. The programme reconstructed the Belgium sightings, and with the use of some great computer graphics, produced a great program.

30.3.94 : Sky Television : X-Files.

This was a great programme as far as I am concerned. It concerned the alleged crash landing of a ufo, and the subsequent cover-up. But the only problem was that the 'Alien' life form escaped and was on the run. The 'Alien' appeared to be made up of energy and dealt with implants, used to contact/control abductees who had previously been abducted when they were younger. A great programme, that for me was well worth watching.

1.4.94 : Sky Television : Sightings : Monsters.

Like the X-Files, I also enjoyed this programme very much. It dealt with such subjects as the Loch Ness Monster, Big Foot and other Monster sightings. This was well worth a look at.

In last month's newsletter, I made mention to a forthcoming programme to be shown on Central Television sometime in the Summer of 1994. Well, it appears that it should be screened around August 1994... Keep watching...!

Magazine Reviews :

1. NUFOC FLASH.. February 94 #2.

This is a great magazine concerning the sightings over Belgium of the flying triangle and the photograph taken on the 4th or 7th April 1990. The photograph is re-produced in NUFOC-FLASH and clearly shows a triangular object, with a light on each corner and a central light... I think that any keen ufologist should have this newsletter in their collection.. for more details, contact : Paul Vanbrabant, Tiensesteenweg 78/401, B-3800 Sint-Truiden, Belgium.

2. AWARENESS. Vol 19. No 3. 93/94.

I received this copy through the post, with no covering note or any other literature. This is a fascinating 32 page magazine covering such things as : A round up of ufo sighting reports (Included in this is one on the 12.7.93, Nr Tadley, Basingstoke, Hampshire), An update - March 31st 1993, Major Sighting, Ufo reports from Sweden, a Canadian ufo landing and ufonaut and much, much more..... for more details contact : Contact UK, 11 Ouseley Close, New Marston, Oxford, OX3 0JS.

3. ENIGMAS. Issue 35 Vol 4. Feb/Mar 94.

This is produced by one of my great friends and fellow researcher Malcolm Robinson. This issue covers such things as : More close encounters in the Bonnybridge Triangle, Man apes of Australia, The Alvina Scott case, News from Loch Ness and much more. For more information, contact : Malcolm Robinson, 41 The Braes, Tullibody, Clackmannanshire, Scotland, FK10 2TT.

4. Ufo Witness Group Magazine. No 2. 94.

This magazine contains many personal ufo sightings and encounters. This edition contains a very interesting article looking at the 'Triangle Invasion' over France, Brussels, and many more reports. Also a missing time experience at Woburn, and a review of the Wembley conference in January 1993. A very interesting magazine with one or two very interesting items. For more details, contact : Janice Georgiou : Tel 081 348 5403.

5. Ovni. March 94.

A monthly newsletter produced by Omar Fowler of the Phenomenon Research Association based in Derbyshire. In this edition, There are some Rendlesham Revelations, Flying Triangles over Essex, and an article looking at the Aurora project. For more details, contact : Omar Fowler, 12 Tilton Grove, Kirk Hallam, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, DE7 4GR.

6. A.U.N. February/March 94.

The February edition looks at a woman who recalls unusual nocturnal light sighting in 1982 and an officer who watches balls of light merge above Greenfield, Missouri.

The March edition looks at the sighting by a New Jersey subscriber who spots ufo's during an air show, a glowing red sphere with yellow 'sparkles' seen by a farmer, and lights in a cross formation seen over Tennessee'.

This is a great newsletter from America, and well worth taking a look at. For more details, contact : Amateur Ufology News, P.O. Box 440, Lockwood, MO 65682, USA.

8. I.U.F.O.P.R.A. Monthly Newsletter. March 94.

This is to keep members up to date with events occurring in the I.U.F.O.P.R.A organisation. It will also bridge the gap between the 3 monthly issues of the IUFOGRA Journal. It is a 2 page A4 newsletter.

One new face in the group will be Jenny Randles, who has been appointed the Director and Director of Investigations for IUFOGRA. (Good luck Jenny with your new appointment).

U F O H O T L I N E.

Charges : 36p Standard Rate. 48p Peak Rate (Per Minute).

Bufora Weekly News Update : 0891 121 886.

Subscription Details.

The Newsletter consists of no less than 4 double-sided A4 pages. Also, newscuttings that may be of interest to the reader. In the Summer months, around April, an extra page is included to cover any crop circle news.

The Newsletter costs £5 per year (Including postage) and is

***** M O N T H L Y *****

The Lecture Circuit :

30.6.94 : Falkirk Town Hall 7.30pm.

'U.F.O'S'... (FACT OR FICTION)..

Special guests : Malcolm Robinson (Investigator/Lecturer).

Philip Mantle (Investigator and Lecturer).

Plus the Sensational Sounds Of C.E.IV.

Video presentation on giant screen.

Hosted by Councillor Billy Buchanan.

Tickets : £4 Concessions : £2

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1995 Lecture/Conference in Portsmouth, Hampshire.

I am currently working with another local ufo group in the Hampshire area, to organise a 1 day conference in Portsmouth. We hope to have 4 speakers on subjects such as crop circles and ufo's. It is hoped, to have the conference on 22nd April 1995 from 10am - 4pm. There is to be refreshments, ufo material for sale and much more. If you are interested, and want to find out more, then why not write to me at the address on the front cover of this newsletter. Tickets to be priced at £5 each and those bought before the conference, will guarantee a seat. Also, there will be a reduction for tickets bought in bulk of 10% for 5 or more tickets.

The Elite Files....

In last months newsletter, I mentioned that something strange arrives in the post... The Elite File... Part 1... Well, it appears that some other ufo groups have received no 2 - 5 in recent days, and things get stranger. It now appears, that who ever is sending them out, either travels around the country, or has other contacts up and down the country. The post marks on the envelopes, show that they have been posted in Essex, Nottingham, and from Paddington, London.. I hope to receive copies soon, and from what I have heard, there is no let up on the attack on ufo groups and investigators... to be continued...

Current Video/Audio Cassette Library...

I currently hold the following, and a full detailed list of all items are available from the editors address...

98 Video's ranging in time from 3 - 4 hours long.

238 Audio Tapes ranging in time from 5 mins to 3hrs.

Has 'The Warminster THING' been put to rest once and for all...

On Friday the 15th April 1994, my wife took a phone call for me from a reporter from the Western Morning News, who was trying to track down the British Ufo Society. Unfortunately, I was at work, and the reporter said that he would phone back after 4pm. He asked my wife, if I had seen today's Daily Mail, but she said no. She went and got a copy from the newsagents, so that I would have some idea why the reporter wanted to talk to me.

When I got home, I was somewhat surprised at the message, but there was a slight problem. The founder of the group back in the

sixties, Ken Rogers recently died, and as far as I know, he left the group back in the late sixties, early seventies. As far as I knew, the group was now called 'British Flying Saucer Bureau', based in Bristol. I found the telephone number, and duly waited for the phone call. At approx 4pm the phone rang, and it was the reporter. After he introduced himself, he went on to ask, if I had seen a copy of the Daily Mail for that day. I replied that I had only just got a copy and I had only quickly read the article. I was somewhat taken back by the article, and I am sure that it may shatter some peoples illusions about the Warminster area.. The following is the article that appeared in the newspaper....

Why They Never Cottoned On To The Thing....

It was the photograph that launched a thousand spaceships.

The blurred image of a flying saucer turned the Wiltshire town of Warminster into a mecca for UFO spotters, and claims of other sightings came thick and fast.

But yesterday, almost 30 years later, the picture was exposed as a hoax - by one of the two men who hatched the plot in their local pub.

The Thing, as it was christened, was nothing more than a milk bottle top, a cotton reel and a button.

Retired print worker Roger Hooton, who now lives in Adelaide, owned up after reading in UK Mail, the Daily Mail's international edition, that another famous photo - supposedly of the Loch Ness Monster - was of a model mounted on a toy submarine.

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'I decided it was time to come clean, although I don't know why no one ever spotted it in the first place', said Mr Hooton. 'It always seemed obvious to me because it looked so stupid.

'But it fooled everyone at the time and carried on fooling them. The flying saucer was even accepted as genuine by the British Ufo Research Association and is listed in the UFO Encyclopaedia.'

Mr Hooton, 52, and his friend Gordon Faulkner, a factory worker, hit on the plan in 1965 after reading about alleged UFO sightings in their local paper.

'We went out to a field and made a flying saucer out of cotton reel and milk bottle cap with the button on top', said Mr Hooton.

'I was dropping it on to the ground and Gordon was photographing it as it fell. There was nothing to indicate speed or size and the background was blank. When we got the film back from Boots, there it was - a flying saucer'.

After the photo appeared in the Warminster Journal, the Thing took on a life of its own. A national newspaper took up the story and Warminster throbbed with hundreds of people hoping to see an alien. The town even spawned its own UFO Newsletter.

'The joke had got out of hand', said Mr Hooton. 'It has sparked a whole new industry in Warminster and it seemed a shame to stop it'.

He has now confessed the hoax to John Spencer, vice-chairman of the British UFO Research Association, who included the Thing in two of his books.

Mr Spencer said : 'It was the picture that first got me involved in the subject. I was 11 at the time and it got me terribly interested. It had always been regarded as one of those photographs that could be or could not be.

'Mr Hooton felt terribly guilty about it. He wanted to put the record straight'.

Despite knowing the truth, Mr Spencer's faith is unshaken. He said: 'I don't believe in flying saucers or aliens, but I do believe in UFO's. There are things we don't understand in our skies'.

Warminster Journal editor Diana Watkins, whose grandfather published the original photo, said: 'I always used to say that when I saw one I would believe it. I still haven't seen one'.

Daily Mail Friday 15th April 1994.

Well, there you have it... One of the best photographs that was taken of a ufo and believed in by so many people (I must admit, that I fell for it... ED).. bits the dust. This only goes to prove, that photographic evidence of a ufo should never be relied on... At least with the advent of the modern day computer and systems such as computer enhancement available of photographs, lets hope that we are never fooled again... ED.